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## *By the sign of the Gavel*

As reported elsewhere herein by the Secretary, our November meeting of the members approved the By-laws of the new corporation and the slate of officers and directors was elected.

Our participation in the recent ASDA Show was an outstanding success from the fraternal and philatelic viewpoint, although all were saddened by the untimely death of our beloved President Kennedy which occurred shortly after the Show had opened. Many thanks to our Junior Past President Shelton Osterlund for his yeoman services, as well as to his entire committee and the many volunteers who manned the booth at all times.

★ MEETINGS ★

First Friday of Each Month  
Collectors Club Building  
22 East 35th Street, N. Y. C.

Fourth meeting—December 6, 1963  
PAST PRESIDENTS' NIGHT

Our December 6th meeting will be Past Presidents' Night. On January 3, 1964, we shall be honored by the presence of Mr. Harrison D. S. Haverbeck, Past President of The Collectors Club, who will show and speak on the subject of "British and Imperial Chinese Post Offices of Tibet."

Start getting ready now for the February 7, 1964 meeting which will be "Annual Members' Competition" Night. Of necessity members must be limited to one frame each. We plan to have several leading philatelists (non-members) as judges, and prizes will be awarded. So, be sure to attend and bring along enough to fill a frame. Needless to state, market value will not be the criterion for the judges' evaluation.

My fellow officers join with me wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
—Norman H. Sehlmeier

### A NATION MOURNS

**KENNEDY IS DEAD!** With this message spreading throughout the world, following a brief interval between the almost unbelievable news that our President John F. Kennedy had been shot, a nation was stunned by the impact of this tragic event. With all that has been said since that fatal November 22nd, eulogizing our beloved President, it would seem superfluous to add any further words. But let us here give brief testimony to the memory of one who has left his impact on this troubled world. One of this Nation's finest public servants, John F. Kennedy can well be placed with other famous men of whom he had written in his "Profiles in Courage," as a man of Courage and equal in many of qualifications to those recorded in a book.

For those who heard the eulogy of Rev. Hannon, the Bishop of Washington, we repeat some of his comments:

"President Kennedy was fond of quoting the Bible and used selection on many public occasions. At the last dinner in Houston, he applied to a friend, and they could readily be applied to

himself, these words from the prophecy of Joel and selections from Proverbs: "Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions, and where there is no vision the people perish."

Also at his acceptance of the nomination for the Presidency, he quoted one of his favorite passages from Joshua: "Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." And from Isaiah: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary."

"Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime  
And departing leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time."

### JACOB S. GLASER NIGHT

Congratulations to our Charter Member and Past President, Jacob S. Glaser! On November 6, 1963, at Cornerstone Lodge No. 367 F. & A. M., at Tyrian Temple, Brooklyn, New York, "Uncle Jake" was the proud recipient of the Grand Lodge 60-year Jim of Honor. A large group of friends and relatives were on hand to assist in honoring this Grand Old Man of Masonry and Philately. Among the relatives were three brothers, one son, one grandson and one nephew. Despite an extremely heavy rainstorm fifteen members of our Club were present, most of whom had gathered for a pre-meeting dinner at the restaurant of The New York Times in Manhattan.

Among the members present were Brothers Harry Lindquist (who had cut short a vacation in California in order to be present), Norman Lee (grandson of Uncle Jake), Dr. Duffield Swan, Dr. Irwin Yarry, Emmanuel Reggal, Stanley Salomon, Norman Sehlmeier, Joseph Munk, Yale Shapiro, William Landgraf, Samuel Brooks and Edgar Donner.

Numerous letters and telegrams were received from many who were unable to attend, including congratulations from the Grand Secretary Wendell Walker. The presentation was made by Rt. Wor. Benjamin Grinrod, who had been associated with Bro. Glaser from the beginning of his Masonic career. There were also present delegations from the Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn, and Kismet Temple, in both of which Bro. Glaser continues to be active.

Brother Glaser accepted the award with one of the best speeches of his

life. It was indeed a memorable evening.

### THE A.S.D. A SHOW

The 15th Annual American Stamp Dealers' Association stamp show and bourse was held on November 22-24, 1963 at the 71st Infantry Regiment Armory in New York City "America's Future in Space" was the vitally important subject which monopolized much of the attention of collectors, dealers and casual visitors.

The "Court of Honor" contained wonderful exhibits by the United States Post Office Department; National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Rocket and Space Display by Jerry Chavoe and William J. Numeroff; Cardinal Spellman Philatelic Museum, and the United Nations. Practically all of the leading dealers had booths with innumerable items of interest on exhibit for sale.

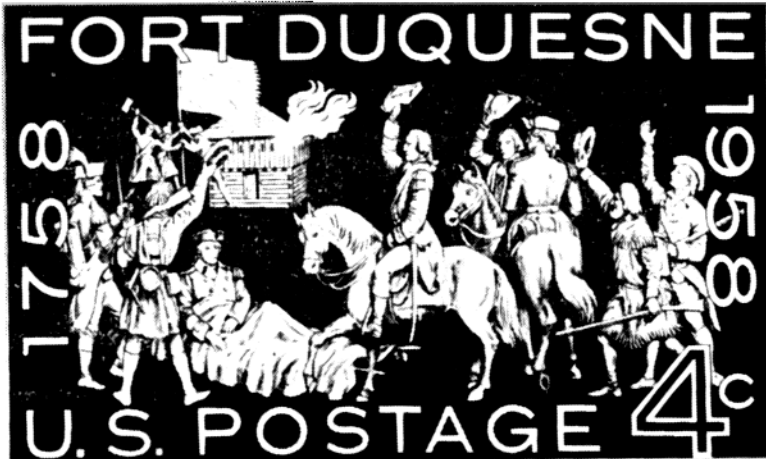
The opening ceremonies had scarcely been completed when the news came of the shooting of President Kennedy and, after a horrible period of suspense, the tragic advice of his death. For the rest of the day, attendance dwindled and a feeling of sadness and despair prevailed for those who remained. This awful event naturally caused a continuation of the damper on the usual excitement over the remaining two days. Attendance picked up on Saturday and Sunday, but the overall attendance dropped considerably as compared with the previous year.

Our Club had its lounge in a choice location; it was decorated with dignity, and served as the focal point for all Masons who attended, regardless of whether they were members of our Club. The lounge was at all times well manned by a number of volunteers, too numerous to mention by name here. Shelton Osterlund served as Chairman and was in continuous attendance. Many many members and non-member Masons stopped to chat or relax.

At 6:00 P.M. on November 23rd, our Club presented the program in the Lecture Room. Dr. S. Duffield showed color slides of the famous Milton Greenebaum Masonic Cancellation Collection as well as a number of items from his own highly specialized group of this specialty. His remarks were well received by a large and enthusiastic audience. Bro. Sehlmeier then displayed and commented upon a number of color slides of the various cacheted covers which had been sponsored by our organization.

# The Fort Duquesne Bicentennial of 1958

By Marshall S. Loke



The territory now occupied by the city of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County was originally claimed by the French on the grounds of discovery and explorations by La Salle in 1669. Traders soon followed and settled in what promised to be a valuable region.

Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia had obtained by treaty with the Indians the right to erect a fort at the place where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers unite to form the Ohio. While this work was in progress, the French in 1753 drove out the English, finished the fort and named it after their governor, Duquesne.

The English government determined to regain the territory, and sent General Braddock with a large force of English and Virginia troops to drive out the French. The expedition met a disastrous defeat in the famous battle of Braddock's Fields nine miles from the fort on July 9, 1755.

When an expedition under British General John Forbes reaches the fort on November 24, 1758, the French abandoned and left it in flames. Forbes at once took possession. U.S. stamp No. 1123 commemorates this event. General Forbes is seen on the stretcher. The two mounted figures with raised hats are said to be Col. George Washington (center foreground) and Col. Henry Bouquet (background). This writer believes the other horseman to be Major James Grant, and the officer standing at the extreme left near his patient to be Dr. and Col. Hugh Mercer. If any

reader has other information, it would be appreciated.

Throughout the campaign Forbes was troubled with the malady which caused his death. He traveled in a hurtle slung between two horses in which the least movement brought intense pain. He died soon after being carried back to Philadelphia, and was buried with military honors in the chancel of Christ Church.

Three of the above mentioned officers had Masonic connections. One was George Washington whose record is already well known. The others were Hugh Mercer and James Grant.

## Brigadier General Hugh Mercer

Born in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1720 or 1721, Hugh Mercer was educated in the University of Aberdeen and became a physician, at first serving in the army as an assistant surgeon (1745). He next emigrated to America and for several years practiced medicine in Philadelphia. He took time out in 1755 to accompany Braddock in the campaign against Fort Duquesne in the defeat of which he was wounded.

In 1758 Mercer was appointed colonel and marched against Fort Duquesne a second time under Forbes. The fort was rebuilt and named Fort Pitt in honor of the great English statesman. Mercer was given command of the fort, remaining there for some time.

Dr. Mercer practiced medicine for another ten years in Conococheague, Pa. Then at the suggestion of Washington, he moved to Fredericksburg, Va..

where he set up in business as apothecary and physician. Here in 1761 he joined Ferdericksburg Lodge No. 4 in which Washington had been made a Mason. He later served the Lodges as Master.

At the outbreak of war in 1775, he actively engaged in drilling and organizing the minutemen and militia. He was colonel of the 3rd Virginia Regiment, and at Washington's request Congress made him brigadier general. He commanded the attack at Trenton, and advised the night march on Princeton in which he led the advance. There he was mortally wounded January 3, 1777, and died nine days later.

#### General James Grant

Like Mercer, James Grant was a native of Scotland, born in 1720 at Ballendaloch, and became a major of the Montgomerie Highlanders. He was one of Forbes' own officers on the Fort Duquesne campaign.

Shortly afterwards he was sent to East Florida as governor with rank of lieutenant colonel. While in Florida he, with three others, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Scotland for a charter to establish Grant's East Florida Lodge at St. Augustine. He was also commissioned provincial grand master over the lodges in the southern district of North America. As grand master he issued a charter to St. Andrew's Lodge No. 1 at Pensacola, West Florida. This lodge continued for ten years until the city was captured by the Spaniards in 1781. In the Revolutionary War, Grant commanded British Brigades at the battle of Long Island, and at Trenton and Princeton. He was made major general in 1777, fought at Brandywine, Germantown, and Monmouth. After that he was in command of troops in the French West Indies. He was made governor of Stirling Castle, lieutenant general in 1782 and full general in 1796. He died in 1806.

#### NEW MASONIC COVERS

Norristown Forest No. 31, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Norristown, Pennsylvania, will issue a Commemorative Yacht Cover celebrating their 50th Anniversary on April 21, 1964. All profit will go to aid the victims of Muscular Dystrophy, the National Objective of this organization. It will be used for research to combat the disease.

These covers may be procured by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope, plus 25 cents for each cover desired, to Louis F. Biehl, 532 Astor

Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19401. These covers will be unaddressed and cancelled on April 21, 1964.

Bro. Earley W. Bridges, P. O. Box 1043, Greensboro, North Carolina has prepared some cachets for the 143rd Anniversary of Greensboro Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M. for March 1, 1964. He will use the Carolina Charter stamp and will sell at 25 cents each. He will address the covers or mail them without name and address.

From a picture of the cover which Bro. Bridges sent to us, it appears that the cachet is most attractive.

#### Lake Erie Chapter

The regular monthly meeting of Lake Erie Chapter #2 of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York was held October 16, at the Masonic Temple, 3615 Euclid Ave.

The meeting was called to order by President Bro. Gordon Cole, Sr. with 18 members and 2 visitors present. Six members were present for the Dutch Treat dinner before the meeting.

Under activity of members it was reported that Bro. James Lambert won a Blue Ribbon Award and trophy for his display of "Perfin Officials of the World" in the foreign specialized class at the Kentucky Fair. He was also one of the judges at the Cuy-Lor-Pex 63 show. Bro. Harry Bollbach presented his minute of Mirth, and the speaker was Bro. Wm. Dyer who talked on Venezuela's State Issues.

The next regular meeting was held November 20, 1963. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Cole, with 20 members present.

After the regular business, the officers and committees gave their annual reports.

The regular auction was again conducted by Bro. James Lambert, assisted by Bro. Wilbur Awig.

This being the regular meeting for the election of officers, the slate offered by the nominating committee was read. There being no further nominations from the floor the nominations were closed. The secretary was then asked to cast a unanimous ballot and declare the officers duly elected and installed for the ensuing year: Pres. James Lambert, 1st V. P. Laddie Pesek, 2nd V. P. Edgar Kroehle 33, Corres. Secy. Harry A. Pahl, Trustee for 3 years William R. Pringle 33, Trea. Ray Runt, Rec. Secy. Spensley Daykin.

The fact that Bro. Mark Snow 33 was installed as Treasurer of his Lodge

for the 25th time, was brought to our attention.

After installation a very good program was presented.

Harry A. Pahl, Corres. Secy.

### BOOK REVIEWS

#### 19th CENTURY UNITED STATES FANCY CANCELLATIONS (\$6.00).

This is the third revised edition of a highly specialized work. Edited by our own Herman Herst, Jr. together with E. N. Sampson. Edition limited to 2,500 copies; the second revision sold out with 4,000.

The first eight sections deal with "Town, Straight line"; Ship, Express, Carriers, Supplementary Mail and Railroads. Then come the "Odd and Unusual Cancellations" in six sections; Geometrics, shields and U.S. Pictorials; flags; Masonics; Paid and Free; letters, initials, dates, etc. and Southern letters unpaid.

This is an invaluable reference book for the cancellation specialist.

#### THIS HIGH MAN: THE LIFE OF ROBERT H. GODDARD by Milton Lehman.

This is the first detailed biography of the inventor of the modern rocket to make use of Dr. Goddard's previously unpublished notes and diaries. The book contains over 40 pages of photographs, some of which were taken by Charles A. Lindbergh, who also contributed a preface.

In 1926 Dr. Goddard successfully fired the world's first liquid-fuel rocket from a farmyard near Auburn, Massachusetts. "Every liquid-fuel rocket that flies is a Goddard rocket," Dr. Wernher von Braun has stated. "Dr. Goddard was ahead of us all." An official of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration recently called the first firing, "as epochal in history as that of the Wright Brothers at Kitty Hawk."

Robert Goddard died in 1945. In 1959, the United States Congress ordered a medal struck in recognition of his efforts.

The title, THIS HIGH MAN, comes from Browning's "A Grammarian's Funeral."

That low man seeks a little think to do,  
Sees it and does it.

That low man seeks a little thing to do,  
pursue,

Dies ere he knows it.

A number of philatelic and other organizations have joined in requesting the United States Post Office to issue a

commemorative stamp honoring Dr. Goddard.

This book is recommended to the collectors of rocket mail and astrophilately.

### STAMPTOWN USA

This is a quarterly review for Collectors of Coins and Stamps; 35¢ per copy; published by StampTown USA, Box 313, Hicksville, New York.

The first issue of this new magazine was on sale at the recent ASDA Show. Distribution on a nationwide scale will be via newstands, book stores, hobby shops, stamp and coin stores, etc. It will also be featured at all important stamp and coin shows.

The contents of the first issue include many feature articles on stamps and coins. The magazine consists of 36 pages and is printed on 50 lb. coated stock.

The magazine is intended to supplement, not compete with, the existing journals in this field.

Our own active member, Bro. Richard Bruder is Business Manager. He has had considerable and varied experience in both the stamp and coin fields. He formerly managed a stamp store in the center of the Times Square area. For the past few years, he has been associated with the Coin and Currency Institute. Dick, we wish for you and your associates lots of luck in your new enterprise.

From our review of the initial issue, we can heartily recommend this publication to all general collectors.

### OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. Invocation was given by Bro. Salomon in the absence of Bro. Sam Brooks. There were 21 members present, including Bro. Gerald Plump-ton from Boston, who was accompanied by a friend, Bro. Clark.

Bro. Reggal presented a certificate of appreciation to Bro. Charles Brooks for his fine showing of "U.S. Classics" at the preceding meeting. Bro. Brooks responded by donating five catalogs which were distributed to the lucky number holders who were present.

A quantity of old notice cards sent out by Northern Constellation Lodge No. 291, Malone, New York, was received from Bro. Herman Herst who instructed that they be raffled off. This was done and sixteen were won by enthusiastic members. Many thanks, Pat.

The Secretary reported receipt of notice that our Treasurer Emeritus,

Bro. Fred Wendel has moved to Florida and is now receiving mail at

Route #2, Box 2643,  
Fort Pierce, Florida.

As Fred may become lonesome there, would be nice if some of his many friends would drop him a note.

A letter was read from Bro. Milnor Peck regretting his inability to attend the meeting, as he was at Santa Claus, Indiana, arranging for the first day covers of the new Christmas stamp.

Letter was received from Bro. Jake Glaser telling us of his coming receipt of a 60 year palm and requesting a delegation from the Club. Bro. Reggel made an impassioned plea to have a large delegation attend Bro. Glaser's Lodge. The group is to meet on Wednesday night, November 6th, at the Manhattan Hotel Lobby. Those wishing to eat dinner to meet at 6:00 P.M.—those not wishing to eat dinner to meet at 7:30 P.M. and all will go to Corner Stone Lodge #367 which meets in Brooklyn Tyrian Temple.

Bro. Jenkins reported on his recent vacation trip to Bermuda and a wonderful visit with our fellow-member Bro. Fountain who resides there and who showed Ed his prize collection of Bermuda.

Bro. Phil Rosenbaum extended an invitation to the Masonic Stamp Club of New York to be represented at a table at his next coin show.

Bro. Yarry reported that the World's Fair Committee had not been asleep. He stated that he and Bro. Reggel had a meeting with Judge Froessel and Wendell Walker, of the Grand Lodge Committee regarding the proposal of the activities that our Club will undertake in conjunction with the Grand Lodge endeavor at the Fair.

Bro. Yarry presented to the Club for its archives, a set of special covers bearing the Bi-Centennial Stamps. He received these covers from Dr. Gardner Osborn. A letter of thanks is being sent by the Secretary.

Bro. Sehlmeier proceeded to the business of the evening and began by reading the new By-laws of the new Corporation, explaining each section to the members present. Each section was read before the next one was read. After the By-laws were read, Bro. S. Duffield Swan moved that they be adopted. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

Bro. Rosenbaum assumed the Chair in order to conduct the election of officers. A copy of the letter which was sent to each member on October 1st listing the proposed slate is attached and

made part of the minutes of the meeting.

As there were no nominations from the floor, Bro. Swan made a motion that one ballot be cast for the election of the entire slate. It was so voted.

Bro. Charles Brooks then proceeded to install the officers and directors.

Bro. Swan accepted for Bro. Glaser.

Bro. Reggel accepter for Bro. Sam Brooks.

Bro. Shapiro accepted for Bro. Nordheim.

Bro. Sehlmeier accepted for Bro. Peck.

A resolution was made by Bro. Salomon that the new Club assume all the assets and liabilities of the old unincorporated Club, and that bank accounts be transferred to the new corporate name.

Bro. Salomon read the benediction. Meeting adjourned at 10.00 P.M.

—Stanley A. Salomon, Secretary

## NEW ISSUES CALENDAR

### UNITED STATES 1964

- Jan. 10**—5¢ Sam Houston commemorative, Houston, Texas.
- Feb. 22**—4¢ postal cards for Customs Service, Washington, D.C.
- Mar. 19**—5¢ painting by Charles M. Russell, Great Falls, Montana.
- Apr. 22**—5¢ commemorative stamp.  
5¢ stamped envelope for New York's World's Fair, Flushing, N.Y.
- April 29**—5¢ John Muir, naturalist, Martinez, California.
- May 5**—5¢ Battle of the Wilderness in Civil War series, fd city not announced.
- May 29**—5¢ John Fitzgerald Kennedy memorial stamp, birthday of the 35th president, Washington, D.C.
- Tentative issues are planned for the Nevada statehood centennial and the New Jersey tercentenary; possibly an anti-cancer stamp and one for amateur radio fans.

### UNITED NATIONS

- Jan. 13**—5¢, 11¢ for Intergovernmental Maritime Consultive Organization.
- Feb. 10**—50¢ regular, design by El Mekki of Tunisia.
- March 23**—5¢, 11¢ Trade and Development, date of conference in Geneva.

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